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85320. (a) The board, in consultation with the council, shall appoint, for a term of four years, a special master for the Delta, whose title shall be "the Delta Watermaster." ...

# DELTA WATERMASTER: STATUTORY DUTIES

- Duties found at Water Code section 85320
- Duties involve water rights administration of diversions in the Delta
- Specific duties:
  - Authority to require monitoring and reporting of Board orders, licenses and permits.
  - Delegated authority for approvals required by water right permits and licenses.
  - Delegated authority to approve temporary urgency changes to water right permits or licenses.
  - Authority to issue cease and desist notices
  - Authority to issue administrative civil liability complaints.
  - Additional duties delegated by the Board.
  - Submission of regular reports to the Board and the Delta Stewardship Council on water rights administration, water quality issues, and conveyance operations.



# DELTA WATERMASTER: FIRST STEPS

- Introductory appearances
- Prepare delegation agreement
- Assemble staff and start technical work
- Hold public workshops
- Policy reports to State Water Board and Delta Stewardship Council
- Develop Enforcement Principles